

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 13, 2009

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, October 13th, 2009 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order. Minutes of the September 28th, 2009 meeting was approved as presented on a motion by Marvin Cole, Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director thanked the sheriff department for their assistance during the recent e-scrap collections

E.C.D.C.

Brad Buening, E.C.D.C. Director updated the commissioners on bonding opportunities and energy efficiency grant funding opportunities available until the end of 2010

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Director, reported that Barry Ritter, E-911 Coordinator of Wayne County, has announced that Rush County will be awarded 50% of a \$90,000 grant. The County will have three years to use the grant. The Commissioners asked Herbert to have Ritter to appear at a commissioners meeting for further information.

Herbert reported that four counties Union, Wayne, Franklin and Rush are working towards a contract for 9-1-1 billing savings for their respective counties. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve a 9-1-1 Billing Assessment and Cost Analysis performed by L. Robert Kimball & Associates in the amount of \$5,250.00 contingent upon the other three counties also approving their contracts. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANDERSON TWP VOL. FIRE DEPT.

The commissioners received and reviewed a letter from the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department and endorsed by Karen Jenkins, Anderson Twp. Trustee and Nick White, Anderson Twp Vol Fire Dept. Chief.

The letter expressed the department's interest in gaining the 9-1-1 transport contract and to provide emergency medical services for southern Rush County. The letter noted that the fire department however does not own an ambulance. The letter also noted that taxpayers have already spent tax dollars to purchase an ambulance owned by the Milroy EMS, Inc.

Tom Barnes responded that the commissioners in no way have the authority to take possession of the current Milroy EMS ambulance.

Ken Masters made the motion to take the matter under advisement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates currently being housed in the Rush County Jail. Ten (10) inmates are sentenced and thirty-four (34) inmates are pre-sentenced.

Discussion was held regarding a recent accident on the south steps of the courthouse. Ken Masters made the motion for jail inmates to paint the top and bottom steps of both the north and south area of the courthouse steps, including the jail steps. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported that \$1,000 had been received from POC Industries. The donation is for the canine fund.

The commissioners discussed that a local veterinarian has approached them desiring more involvement with the animal control and the shelter. Sherwood indicated that no communication has been received from the current city administration regarding animal control and or the animal shelter.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, received approval and signature on a ROW (right of way) certification letter for Bridge #116 and #117 on County Road 500 North over the Little Blue River on a motion from Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to approve and sign the ROW assurance letter for Bridge #116 and #117. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A temporary ROW for Bridge #143 on county road 725 west, south of Homer was granted to Eleanor Columbe on a motion from Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

A temporary ROW for Bridge #143 on county road 725 west, south of Homer was granted to Kyle Parsley on a motion from Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Sitton reported that ROW is currently being purchased for bridges #158 and #159 located on county road 365 east.

Sitton reported that grinding on county road 715 west; north out of Homer will begin Wednesday, October 14th.

Sitton reported that Phase I of the Carthage Pike is almost completed with the exception of a few minor headaches that are being resolved. Sitton that Phase II, wetlands approval have been submitted to the Federal Government. The proposal is for the county to purchase one (1) acre in Blue River Conservancy district located in Henry County. Sitton noted that there is currently a six (6) month wait on the wetlands approval. Sitton reported that Phase III is still in the design stage

Sitton submitted to the commissioners the September monthly report for their review.

Sitton received the RFP's for the engineering services of bridges #116 and #117. Sitton explained the process for selection and awarding of the contract.

The commissioners approved and signed Ordinance 2009- on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to pay out a settlement on the Wilfong Mediation in the amount of \$30,000.00 Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. Bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Adams reported that the State Board of Accounts will have the exit interview Wednesday morning at 10:00 with commissioner president Tom Barnes and council president Norman Winkler.

STATE ROAD 3 PROJECT

Ken Masters made the motion to approve Sunesis the contract engineers for the State Road 3 project to utilize the former Junior High School empty lot located between 6th and 7th street in Rushville. If the lot is sold prior to the project being completed, Sunesis will vacate the lot. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The empty lot will be utilized for storage. Sunesis will lay down an oil barrier to prevent contamination. A secondary site to store equipment is still needed.

MISC.

- Ken Masters made the motion to allow Commissioner Tom Barnes to sign Census 2010 documents outside the regular scheduled meetings. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Reviewed EMS run reports for the month of September for Raleigh Fire Department; Milroy Ems; and Carthage Vol. Fire Dept.
- Ken Masters made the motion for the commissioners to review the personnel policy committee recommended draft of the submitted personnel policy for county employees and the recommended time sheet for courthouse employees. Masters further made the motion for the commissioners to address the adoption of the policy and time sheet during the October 26th commissioner meeting. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Public Defenders Office expressed interest into relocating their current office into the former law library located on the third floor of the courthouse.
- Paul Grizzard, RCHS choir director received approval from the commissioners to utilize the courthouse for the annual Madrigal performance. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the usage of the courthouse, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The performances will be held December 2nd thru December 6th. Practices will begin November 29th. The Madrigal singers also offered to sing at the courthouse Christmas luncheon.
- Homer resident John Saxon had several questions regarding the stimulus money process. Jerry Sitton explained the application, receipt and funding
- The commissioners instructed Deborah Adams to register them for the annual County Commissioner conference scheduled for December 1 thru December 3rd. Adams will also be attending the conference.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters